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Hon. Pat Miller, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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Re: *Petition of DIECA Communications, Inc., d/b/a Covad Communications Company for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement Amendment with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket 04-00186

Dear Chairman Miller:

This is in response to Covad's letter to you dated December 2, 2004, in which Covad suggests that the FCC might "clarify" the line sharing issue within the next three months. In its February 4, 2005 Triennial Review Remand Order¹, the FCC took no action to modify its previous rulings with respect to line sharing. Notwithstanding requests made by Covad, the FCC declined to extend BellSouth's line sharing obligations beyond October 2004, the end of the FCC's transition period. There is therefore no basis for revisiting the Authorities' decision of September 27, 2004, which correctly found that BellSouth's line sharing obligations ceased effective October 2004.

A copy of this letter is provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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¹ *Unbundled Access to Network Elements, Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 04-313, CC Docket No. 01-338, Order on Remand (February 4, 2005).*

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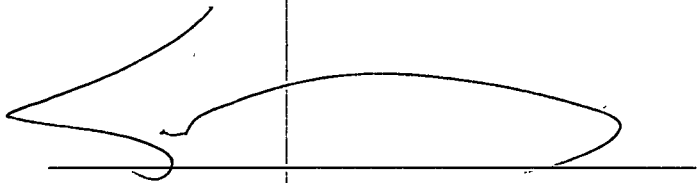
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